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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Demand into all channels covered the full range and showed signs of typical mid-week activity; however, movement was better for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient for needs with heavier weights at times ample. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair and generally limited to regular commitments. Breast items were at least adequate and attractively priced to help move, wings were adequate to ample with little interest, and dark meat was in the best balance and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 65.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.75 cents last year on June 12, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.00
BREASTS - B/S	180.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00
LEG QUARTERS	26.00
WINGS	73.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading, but showing some improvements as warmer weather and seasonal interests develop. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was in the best position with supplies in good balance. Wings and breast items were at least adequate or available with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained fully adequate with discounting prevalent. Boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, drumsticks were clearing well.

MIDWEST Whole bird trade sentiment continues steady to about steady. Whole fryer offerings were sufficient. In Chicago fill in trading on Wog's noted at 49 cents. Retail demand was slow to fairly good, best for features. Retail features noted in Chicago area, fryers at 99 cents and boneless skinless breast at \$1.99. Food service demand was light to good with best interest into fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable. In the parts sector trade interest was mixed, best for dark meat cuts. Supplies were adequate with breast items and wings in longest position. The market tone was steady on leg and leg quarters, barely steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

WESTERN Trade sentiment about steady. Offerings were adequate on small sized whole body product and ample on heavier weights. Buying activity, although disappointing, was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts, particularly where featured. Floor stocks adequate overall. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES

WEEK ENDING 06/07/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	211,375	212,336	0
CHICKS PLACED	171,645	174,118	-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 7, 2003 were 3.85 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 163.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.56* CENTS PER POUND.

*Revised

JUNE 10, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 11, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	149.00-247.00	149-152	153.74
TENDERLOINS	180	150.00-211.00	150-155	162.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	92.00-100.00	93-96	95.12
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	29.00-43.00	30-31	31.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	758	21.00-24.00	22-24	22.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,035	23.00-26.00	25-26	25.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	67.00-76.00	-	71.76
WINGS (CUT)	514	83.00-92.00	83-85	84.48
DRUMSTICKS	68	43.00-55.00	-	44.41
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
48.00 - 52.00	51.01

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	885	149.00-247.00	150-155	152.34
TENDERLOINS	219	150.00-211.00	150-155	160.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	92.00-104.00	94-96	95.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	28.00-43.00	29-31	31.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	651	22.00-24.00	22	22.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,035	23.00-28.00	25-26	25.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	64.00-76.00	-	72.36
WINGS (CUT)	429	79.00-85.00	82-84	82.58
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	64.00-77.00	-	68.33

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 53.00	51.56	50.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity continued of a light and spotty nature during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance and limited orders to normal commitments. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate and discounted. Boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, although, drumsticks were clearing well. Wings were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was limited with best draw centering around scattered features. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JUNE 10, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	159.95	567,640
TENDERLOINS	155	155.77	130,670
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	92.63	283,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	89.33	88,400
LEGS	34-35	34.60	231,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.86	658,759
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	33.32	129,180
THIGHS	27-28	35.97	86,000
B/S THIGHS	68-69	71.91	54,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	72.50	153,070
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.37	27,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.09	12,895
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.40	26,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	164.26	445,410
TENDERLOINS	155	154.41	108,670
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	94.68	162,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	86.07	129,880
LEGS	34-35	33.64	274,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.14	366,272
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	39.17	72,720
THIGHS	27-28	35.03	63,880
B/S THIGHS	68-69	71.06	47,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	66.92	223,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.66	30,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.93	6,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	41.06	22,800

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
ALA	4,007	4,055	4,031	4,370	5.32
ARK	5,266	5,316	5,228	5,092	5.07
DELMARVA	2,257	2,396	2,352	2,410	5.33
KY-LA-TN	1,968	1,963	1,967	2,129	5.00
MISS	2,993	3,049	2,825	2,824	5.50
NC	2,635	2,632	2,440	2,659	6.24
TEXAS	2,476	2,460	2,457	2,444	5.02
TOTAL	21,602	21,871	21,300	22,216	5.33
MON-WED 64,930(A)					5.15
					21,463
					5.33

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jun 03 and is estimated to be 32,319,000 up 0.35 percent from a week ago and up 3.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,207,000; last year 31,196,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 98-100
	DRY PACK 105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-105
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	155-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-JUN-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/14/03 (1)	06/07/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	164,704 (2)	161,426
LT HENS	1,709	1,590
HVY HENS	1,505	1,516
CHECK TOTAL	167,918	164,532

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jun-03 is 161.3 million head compared to 158.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.0 million head or 3.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Jun-03 the estimated available is 161.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/09/03	212,253	44,544
AM 06/01/03	219,295	43,194
CHG	-7,042	1,350
PCT CHG	-3	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	6/09/03	6/02/03	6/10/02	6/09/03	6/02/03	6/10/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	15,236	15,812	25,422	6,676	6,548	5,030
LOS						
ANGELES	148	148	365	3,118	3,114	3,398

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 6/11/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.60	.36
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.25	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.40	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.10	.50	.14
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	2.50	1.57
GEESE lb.	.15	.40	.21
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.30	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	.75	.47
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.15	1.86
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.25	2.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	6.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 202

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 6, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	64.90	138.44	95.18	21.63	21.63
High	70.09	142.77	103.83	25.96	25.96
Mostly	67.49	142.77	103.83	25.96	25.96

SAN JUAN

Low	74.41	138.44	90.85	21.63	15.14
High	82.20	147.10	103.83	30.28	19.47
Mostly	75.71	142.77	99.51	25.96	15.14

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	64.90	138.44	95.18	21.63	21.63
High	69.22	147.10	103.83	25.96	25.96
Mostly	67.49	138.44	99.51	21.63	25.96

BECERRA

Low	75.71	138.44	95.18	25.96	17.31
High	81.34	147.10	99.51	34.61	21.63
Mostly	77.87	142.77	99.51	30.28	19.47

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was typical of mid-week, mid-month and was generally slow to no better than fair. Activity was best where retail ads stimulated movement. Whole birds were in good balance to closely cleared on the 3.50 and 4.00 pound sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the smaller. Live supplies were moderate; weights mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Boneless/skinless breasts were in fairly good balance; bone-in were slow to clear. Leg cuts were barely adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57-70
NO. OF BOXES	62.60
	7,510

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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